

Course Title	Population Ageing and Health				
Course Code	MPH-533				
Course Type	Elective				
Level	2 nd Cycle				
Year / Semester	2 / 3				
Teacher's Name	Prof. Kyriakos Markides Dr Brian Downer				
ECTS	10	Lectures	13	Interactive learning activities	13
Course Purpose and Objectives	<p>The main objectives of the course are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate the concept of population ageing to the demographic transition observed globally and evaluate related challenges observed in different countries and regions around the world. • Describe ageing as a social experience and examine the implications of an ageing society in public health including the current and future anticipated burden of population ageing on disability and the burden of major age-related non-communicable conditions. • Design programmes aiming at preventing disease and promoting health via sustainable development approaches, which simultaneously tackle health inequalities and promote active and independent ageing. 				
Learning Outcomes	<p>After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interpret population pyramids to relate the concept of population ageing to the demographic transition observed globally 2. Analyse the demographic challenges observed in different countries and regions around the world. 3. Describe ageing as a social experience and evaluate the importance of retirement, volunteering, and active social participation for the physical and mental health of the elderly. 4. Evaluate the importance of family ties and close social networks in ageing (including intergenerational ties, maintenance of parents, caring for grandchildren) for the physical and mental health of the elderly. 5. Analyse how stigmatization can influence the elderly within a society and the societal impacts of ageing discrimination within a population. 6. Analyse how sociodemographic factors such as gender, ethnicity, religious identity, and socioeconomic position, may influence the experience of ageing in different population groups. 7. Explain the implications of an ageing society in public health. 8. Evaluate the burden of ageing in developed countries and explain the role of this in the epidemiological transition observed over the past few decades. 9. Describe the onset of ageing in developing countries and how this may result in a new epidemiological transition. 				

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Evaluate the current and future anticipated burden of population ageing on dementia and neurodegenerative disease in developed societies, and the anticipated burden in developing societies. 11. Evaluate the current and future anticipated burden of population ageing on osteoporosis, fractures and related disability in developed societies, and the anticipated burden in developing societies. 12. Evaluate the current and future anticipated burden of population ageing on cardio metabolic and cerebrovascular conditions, such as type 2 diabetes, stroke and CHD in developed societies, and the anticipated burden in developing societies. 13. Evaluate the current and future anticipated burden of population ageing on mental health (depression, anxiety, delirium) in developed societies, and the anticipated burden in developing societies. 14. Evaluate the burden of ageing-related disability, including vision and hearing loss, as well as poor dental health, on the society as a whole. 15. Relate and contrast the concepts of quality of life in ageing, as well as healthy, active, independent ageing and their benefit for the health of the society as a whole. 16. Explain the implications of public health planning, health care, welfare, and social policy in managing and reducing the burden population ageing on societies. 17. Design programmes aiming at preventing disease and disability and promoting health, as well as active and independent ageing, among the elderly, which will in turn help alleviate the societal burden of ageing. 18. Devise global interdisciplinary initiatives aiming at tackling the societal impact of ageing in different parts of the world, both in developed and developing countries. 		
Prerequisites	MPH-511	Required	None
Course Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to ageing in a global context 2. Demographic transition and the related societal burden 3. Ageing as a social experience I: social participation and family bonds 4. Ageing as a social experience II: stigma and other societal implications 5. The burden of an ageing society in population health in developed and in developing nations 6. Burden of age-related conditions I: dementia and neurodegenerative disease 7. Burden of age-related conditions II: osteoporosis, fractures and related disability 8. Burden of age-related conditions III: cardiometabolic and cerebrovascular conditions 9. Burden of age-related conditions IV: mental health 10. Burden of ageing-related disability: vision and hearing loss, and poor dental health 11. Healthy, active, independent ageing and the benefit to the health of the society 		

	12. Social policy and health care for alleviating ageing -related burden. 13. Design of intervention programmes for tackling ageing-related burden in societies and populations																			
Teaching Methodology	This programme is delivered via distance learning (online) and includes recorded lectures, interactive online tutorials (Webinars) and discussion forums, as well as online exercises and other activities.																			
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	on Global AGEing and Adult Health (SAGE)				
	The King's Fund, Providing integrated care for older people with complex needs: lessons from seven international case studies. [ONLINE]	Goodwin, N, et al.	The King's Fund	2014	978-1909029163
	Campaign to End Loneliness: Promising approaches to reducing loneliness and isolation in later life. [ONLINE].	Jopling, K.	Age UK	2015	n/a
	Gauging Aging: Mapping the Gaps between Expert and Public Understandings of Aging in America. [ONLINE].	Lindland E, Fond M, Haydon A, Kendall-Taylor N.	FrameWorks Institute	2015	n/a
Assessment	<p>Online quiz (formative)</p> <p>Coursework (1 essay, 1 mini project on the global burden of ageing) – 30%</p> <p>Mandatory interactive activities – 10%</p> <p>Final Exam – 60%</p>				
Language	English				